

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

RICHARD E. MCGINNIS,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 15-2817
)	
ROBERT A. McDONALD,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLANT’S MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL
AUGUST 11, 2016, TO FILE APPELLANT’S REPLY BRIEF**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), the appellant respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time, until August 11, 2016, to file the appellant’s reply brief. But for this motion, the appellant’s reply brief is due to be filed with the Clerk of the Court on June 27, 2016, with consideration to Rule 26(a) and Rule 31(a)(1)(B). In the case to date, the Court has granted the appellant one 45-day extension of time to file his brief and has granted the Secretary one 45-day extension of time to file the appellee’s brief. Accordingly, a total of 90 days of extension have been granted in this case.

This extension of time is required to ensure that counsel for the appellant has sufficient time to perform additional legal and factual research regarding the arguments advanced by the Secretary, while also allowing for supervisory review of the appellant’s reply brief.

Counsel for the Secretary, Amy M. Roth-Pixton, Esq., was contacted electronically concerning this motion; however, a response was not received prior to the

filing of this motion. As a consequence, the Secretary's position is currently unknown.

WHEREFORE, the appellant respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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